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1. Barth airfield. (5421N - 1243E) On 21 January 1954, 20 to 25 workers were engaged in cleaning up work at the airfield. The salvaged stones of debris were piled up and loud detonations were heard from the field. A newly erected wooden shed and piled up rails were observed in the center of the field. Near the construction material shed was a ramming machine which had apparently not been used. No new construction material was observed. 25X1
2. Belitzsch-Sproeda airfield. (5133N-1224E) On 10 January 1954 [redacted] all the installations and ruins at the field were removed. The former landing field was under cultivation. 25X1 25X1
3. Garz airfield. (5353N - 1409E) During January 1954, the houses in the vicinity of the storage at the airfield were occupied by Soviet officers dependents, allegedly 32 families from Leningrad. The naval officers and soldiers stationed at the field were daily hauled by truck [redacted] from the field to their places of work in Swinemunde. The chief of the Soviet PK, Herr Lossehl (fmu) from Heringsdorf, had established a small warehouse at the field for the Soviet dependents. AA gun firing practices at sleeve targets towed by aircraft and at floating wooden targets in the Haff, as had been conducted at the field by an AA unit from Swinemunde in September 1953, were not observed in January 1954. No aircraft were stationed at the field. 25X1
4. Goerlitz Girbigsdorf airfield. (5111N - 1455E) During January 1954, the unoccupied airfield was only used as training grounds for motorcycles by the Athletic and Technical Association. In October 1953, the only intact building housed a weather station which transmitted weather data to the regional weather station in Potsdam.
5. Jueterbog-Damm airfield. (5159N - 1304E) Since early January 1954, biplanes have again been observed at the field. Up to 7 aircraft were counted. The training personnel who were hauled to the field by truck [redacted] were allegedly quartered in the barracks installation. 25X1
6. [redacted] Major Shnittkov (fmu) was the supply officer for the airfield. [redacted] On 8 January 1954, a biplane with a Soviet star circled over the field for about 35 minutes. 25X1

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7. Magdeburg-South airfield. (5205N - 1138E) At the end of August 1953, the airfield was used for glider flying by the Athletic and Technical Association. The field was occupied by a small Soviet Air Force unit equipped with three single-engine biplanes. [redacted] 25X1
8. Neuhausen airfield. (5146N - 1224E) [redacted] on 4 December 1953 near Neuhausen a hovering parachute at moderate height. Another parachutist leaped from a multi-engine aircraft. [redacted] the two parachutes landed at the airfield. No defects were observed on the aircraft. [redacted] 25X1
9. Perleberg airfield. (5304N - 1149E) Prior to the end of October 1953, there were no indications of an intended reconstruction of the former airfield at Perleberg. The quartering buildings were occupied by army units. No Soviet Air Force soldiers were observed at Perleberg military post. [redacted] 25X1
10. Rostock-Marienehe airfield. (5407N - 1205E) In December 1953, the airfield was not serviceable. The runway and taxiways were covered with grass. Large-scale construction work would be required to make the airfield serviceable.
11. Farnemuende-Arikrafenheide airfield. (5411N - 1207E) At the end of December 1953, the runway and taxiways were damaged and covered with grass. The hangars and quartering buildings were dilapidated or had been demolished. Much construction work would be required to make the field serviceable.
12. Bismarck airfield. (5354N - 1128E) At the beginning of February 1954, no indications of intended reconstruction work were observed at the airfield which had formerly been occupied by the Biorner Aircraft Plant. No observations were made indicating the establishment of an aircraft or aircraft engine plant. Recently, individual swept-back jet fighters have repeatedly been observed crossing over the town at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters, coming from the east. These flights were made almost every day and at various times. No formations of aircraft were observed.
13. Comment. Barth airfield is used as firing range by the fighter units stationed in Fuettnitz; additional destroyed buildings were probably demolished. It appears improbable that the area can again be used as an airfield.
14. Comment. Garz airfield has not been occupied by an air unit since February 1952. The field, because of its size, is only suitable for training flights by propeller aircraft. The Soviet Naval Air Force has used Fennemuende airfield instead of Garz airfield since the date when the naval fighter units were re-equipped with jet aircraft.
15. Comment. Justerborg Damm airfield is occupied by a liaison detail of the Third Gds Tech Army equipped with 3 Fo-2s. Some aircraft are possibly also at the disposal of the repair shop for radio sets. Major Shnittkov is reported for the first time. [redacted] 25X1
16. Comment. Magdeburg-South airfield is occupied by a liaison detail of the Third Shock Army equipped with 3 Fo-2s.
17. Comment. Neuhausen airfield near Cottbus is used by the Athletic and Technical Association. Parachute training was possibly started within the framework of pre-military training conducted by the association.

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6. [redacted] Comment. Perleberg airfield is occupied by units of the 18th Mech Div.
7. [redacted] Comment. The crossing jet aircraft probably belong to the fighter division in Puetnitz.

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